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SUBJ: GATT WP ON EXPORT INFLATION INSURANCE

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1. EMBOFF DISCUSSED PLANS FOR GATT WP MEETING WITH KUEHN, WHO DIRECTS TRADE POLICY OFFICE IN ECONOMICS MINISTRY. AFTER INDICATING THAT HE HAD NOT PARTICIPATED DIRECTLY IN EC PREPARATIONS FOR THIS MEETING, KUEHN SAID THAT EC COMMISSION WOULD ONLY SPEAK IN GENERAL TERMS AT WP SESSION, SINCE THERE IS NO COMMON VIEW AMONG MEMBER COUNTRIES. COMMISSION WILL HOWEVER MAKE REFERENCE TO DISC. FRG ITSELF WILL REFRAIN FROM SPEAKING.

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2. KUEHN ADDED THAT EC WOULD STILL PREFER TO DEAL WITH THIS PROBLEM "WITHIN THE FAMILY". HE ACKNOWLEDGED THAT COMMISSION HAS TAKEN TOO LONG TO ACT, AND SUPPOSED THAT THIS DELAY HAS AROUSED US IMPATIENCE. AFTER NOTING THAT FRG ALSO WANTS TO SEE ALL EXPORT INFLATION INSURANCE SCHEMES TERMINATED AND THAT THIS POSITION HAS STRONG SUPPORT FROM GERMAN INDUSTRY, HE SUGGESTED ON PERSONAL BASIS THAT THE FRG CAN WORK MORE EFFECTIVELY FOR ELIMINATION OF PROGRAMS ADMINISTERED BY EC MEMBERS IN INTRA-EC NEGOTIATIONS RATHER THAN IN MULTILATERAL BODIES. HE THOUGHT THAT THE CHANCES FOR FINDING A SOLUTION WERE THUS BETTER IF PROBLEM IS FIRST HANDLED WITHIN EC. HE THEREFORE RECOMMENDED THAT WORK PROGRAM FOR GATT WP BE SOMEWHAT DILATORY. STOESEL

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